

office, and the Mayor Pro Tem is absent from the City, sick or unable to perform the duties of the office of Mayor Pro Tem, the Vice Mayor Pro Tem shall act as Mayor, and during such absences or disabilities shall possess all of the powers and perform all of the duties of the Mayor. (Added by amendment August 14, 1982)

Sec. 13. Vacancy.

In case of the death, resignation or permanent disability of the Mayor, or whenever a vacancy in the office of Mayor shall occur for any reason, and in case of the death, resignation or permanent disability of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, the Vice Mayor Pro Tem shall act as Mayor and shall possess all of the rights and powers of the Mayor and perform all of his duties, under the official title, however, of Vice Mayor Pro Tem until an election is ordered by the City Council to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor and a successor has been elected and shall have qualified. Said election, should a vacancy occur in the Office of Mayor, shall be called by the City Council and held within thirty days after the vacancy occurred and notice by publication given for at least twenty days, as may be required by law. (Added by amendment August 14, 1982)

ARTICLE VI-a. FISCAL YEAR, BUDGET ALLOWANCE, REPORTS APPROPRIATIONS, ETC.

Section 1. Fiscal year, Appropriations.

The current fiscal year of the City of Houston shall, beginning January 1, 1916, commence on the first day of January of each year and end on the 31st day of December next thereafter.

It shall be the duty of the City Council at the first meeting in January of any year to make appropriations for the support of the city government until the general appropriation ordinance passed on the second meeting in February shall have been passed, and at the second meeting in February of each year, or at any time thereafter in any year, the City Council shall appropriate such sums of money, respectively, for the various departments of the City Government as they may

deem necessary for their maintenance for the current fiscal year. (Added by amendment December 28, 1915)

SEC. 2. ANNUAL BUDGET.

It shall be the duty of the Mayor from time to time to make such recommendations to the Council as he may deem to be for the welfare of the City, and each year to submit to the Council the annual budget of the current expenses of the City in accordance with the requirements of the State Budget Law applicable to cities and towns. (Added by amendment December 28, 1915; amended January 27, 1968)

Section 3. Reports of Heads of Departments.

The head of each department created by the City Council shall make a written report to the Mayor on or before the 15th day of January of each and every year, showing the operations of the department for the preceding year. These reports to be transmitted to the Mayor and shall accompany and be a part of the Mayor's report to the City Council, which report shall be made on or before the 15th day of February of each year. (Added by amendment December 28, 1915)

Section 4. REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

The City Controller shall, on or before the first day of April of each year, prepare and transmit to the City Council a report of the financial transactions of the City during the fiscal year ending the last day of December, next preceding, and of its financial condition on said last named day of December. The report shall show an accurate statement in summarized form and also in detail of the financial receipts of the City from all sources and of the expenses of the City for all purposes, together with a detailed statement of the debt of said City and of the purposes for which said debt was incurred, and of the property of said City, and of the accounts of the City with the grantees of franchises. (Added by amendment December 28, 1915; amended July 26, 1947)

Section 5. Council to effect change.

The City Council shall, and it is hereby authorized to pass all such ordinances not inconsistent herewith, as may be necessary to fully effect the change from the present fiscal year to the fiscal year fixed by this article. (Added by amendment December 28, 1915)

Note—The title of this section was added by the editor; it is not titled in the certification of the 1915 Charter Election.

Election, in which event the remainder of the City Council shall, by a majority vote, fill each such position. A person selected to fill any such vacant position must meet all qualifications for such position and shall serve during the unexpired term of such position. (Added by amendment August 15, 1942; amended August 11, 1979)

Section 6. Repeal of Laws in Conflict with this Article.

Section 8 of Article VI, the first and fourth paragraphs of Section 10 of Article VII, the first paragraph of Section 4 of Article VIII, and all other sections or parts of sections of the existing charter of the City of Houston in conflict with this article shall be and are hereby repealed. (Added by amendment December 28, 1915)

ARTICLE VII. CITY COUNCIL**Section 1. COMPENSATION OF COUNCILMEN.**

Each Councilman shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$3,600.00 per annum, payable in equal semi-monthly installments, and in addition, all necessary expenses incurred by members of the City Council in the performance of their official duties shall be paid by the City.

The Councilmen shall not be required to devote their full time to the duties of their offices.

This amendment shall become effective on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1947. (Added by amendment August 15, 1942; amended July 26, 1947)

Sec. 2. Vacancies.

If the positions of six or fewer Council Members are vacant at any one time, the remainder of the City Council shall, by a majority vote, fill each such position. If the positions of seven or more Council Members are vacant at any one time, the remainder of the City Council shall call a special election to fill such positions, unless such vacancies occur within sixty days of a City General

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